as medical practitioners in rural dispensaries when their own stipendiaries were waiting for employment.' May I know, Sir, which are the local boards that have been complained of?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, what portion of the Silver Jubilee collections is going to be utilized towards the maintenance of the school?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"The question has already been delayed for more than five months. May I ask, Sir, what are the reasons for this long delay in replying to this question?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is no particular reason, except reference to officers concerned and other routine correspondence connected with such things."

Public Health

Training school for health visitors maintained by the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

* 370 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a school for training health visitors is run by the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society;

(*b*) whether any recurring grant is given to the Red Cross Society for the purpose;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what the amount of grant is and the year from which the grant is being paid;

(*d*) the number of health visitors trained in the school till now;

(*e*) whether the Director of Public Health and the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras are on the Managing Committee of the School;

(*f*) whether the courses of studies prescribed have been approved;

(*g*) whether all or any of those trained in the school have been employed under the local bodies and municipalities; and

(*h*) how many of the trained health visitors are still unemployed?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A grant of Rs. 6,000 a year has been sanctioned subject to the following conditions:—

(1) that the grant for a year should be spent within that year,

(2) that if the *net* expenditure incurred on the school in a year after deducting the receipts from other sources is less than the Government grant, the balance out of the grant should be surrendered,

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(3) that the grant may be withdrawn or reduced in times of financial stringency.

The grant is paid from 1933–34.

(*d*) Since the school was reopened in 1932, the number of health visitors trained is as follows:—

1932–33	7
1933–34	8
1934–35	8
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There are now seven candidates undergoing training in the school.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Courses of studies in the school have not been formally approved by Government.

(*g*) & (*h*) Out of the health visitors so far trained, nine are employed by local bodies, one by the Corporation of Madras and six by voluntary bodies. Out of the remaining seven unemployed health visitors, two are proposed to be posted immediately to work under voluntary bodies, one under the Corporation of Madras and four under the Health Unit Scheme started by the Government in Poonamallee and other villages in the Chingleput district.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Surgeon-General or the Director of Public Health has been consulted in regard to the suitability of the courses prescribed in the school?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say offhand."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any necessity for a separate school apart from the medical training that is available at present under Government and why such a large sum as Rs. 6,000 should be spent for the purpose?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I think this kind of training is considered useful."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know, Sir, why Rs. 6,000 should be given by the Government to a school when they have not approved the courses of study in that school?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means. There is no special recognition required, but if they are trained, they can be appointed in suitable vacancies."

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Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know why these people should not be given the same training as is given to midwives in the schools already existing under Government? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not think it is possible."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" In reply to a previous supplementary question the Hon. the Minister stated that if they were trained they would be employed. May I know whether Government will guarantee their appointments? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" No, no."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the local boards have been asked to submit a report as to the work of these health visitors? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not know."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—" In the answer to clause (*f*) it is stated that 'courses of studies in the school have not been formally approved by Government.' If that be so, why should Government give this sum of six thousand rupees as a grant for a course of study which is not approved by them? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Course of studies means curriculum. That is a technical matter and it does not require the approval of Government."

Government Order insisting on the appointment of lady doctors as a condition precedent to the appointment of health visitors for the promotion of maternity and child-welfare schemes.

* 371 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently issued orders that the appointment of lady doctors under local bodies and municipalities should precede the appointment of health visitors for promoting maternity and child-welfare schemes;

(*b*) whether the Government have laid down in any order issued by them the duties of lady doctors, health visitors and widwives;

(*c*) whether they have prescribed their salaries also; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House all the orders passed by them on the subject of maternity and child-welfare since the appointment of the Assistant Director of Public Health (Maternity and Child Welfare) was sanctioned?

A.—(*a*) In paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 2514, P.H., dated the 29th October 1934, the Government have stated that where finances permit, a woman medical officer should be placed in immediate charge of maternity relief and child-welfare work started by local boards and municipalities.